

REMARKS

This response places the above-referenced patent application in condition for allowance, and therefore, is a proper response after Final pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

The title is amended to reflect subject matter of the claims.

Claims 33-34, 40, 47-48, 51, 53-54, 56-59 and 68-74 are canceled.

Claims 42-44, 49-50, 52, 63-65 are allowed.

Claims 34, 35, and 40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, independent claim 31 is amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 34, and therefore, independent claim 31 is in allowable form.

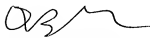
Claims 32, 35-39, 41, 45-46, 55, 60-62 and 66-67 depend from allowable independent claim 31, and therefore, these dependent claims are allowable.

Moreover, new independent claim 75 includes the limitations of independent claim 31 (before the amendment of this response) and allowable dependent claim 40. Accordingly, new claim 75 is allowable.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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